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YARD LIGHTING

Yard lights, controlled from the house and from outside, add much to the safety and convenience of the farm family, points out _____ (Name) of the _____ Extension Service. Light is important in and _____ (State) around farm buildings when there are sick or injured animals to care for, or in case of fire, or to discover prowlers. And good yard lighting near the house has social uses, to light the way to the front entrance for visitors, or make possible outdoor evening games and parties in mild weather.

One of the best locations for the principal yard light is on a pole about 15 feet above ground, where it will illuminate the house entrance and all the paths between the house and other buildings. Two or more lights may be needed to cover both the front yard and the farm buildings. If one of these is a floodlight, it will be useful for outdoor work at night on the automobile or farm machinery.

For mounting a yard light on a pole, an arch-type holder eliminates the shadow of the pole. Another good mounting, used on a barn or silo, is a bracket formed by bending the conduit. Suitable brackets can also be bought complete with a reflector and a base for attaching them.

All outdoor lights need weatherproof reflectors and porcelain lamp holders to keep water out of the socket. Lighting engineers recommend the 200-watt size bulb for out of doors, and suggest painting buildings and fences a light color for better reflection.

